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From left to right *(Back Row)* Ray Pritchard, Tommy Veitch, Syd Farrimond, Ray Mathias, Eddie Flood, Mark Palios. *(Middle Row)* Paul Crossley, John Webb, Dick Johnson, David Johnson, Ronnie Moore, Les Parry. *(Front Row)* Stephen Peplow, Stephen Coppell, Rus Allen, Barrie Mitchell, Tom Young, Bobby Tynan, John Seasman.

PEN PICTURES

DICK JOHNSON. In his third season as a full-time pro. Established himself in the side last season and developing into a very reliable goalkeeper.

JOHN WEBB. One of several ex-Liverpool players who have crossed the river to join Tranmere. A broken leg checked his career but now well on the way to fulfilling early potential.

EDDIE FLOOD. Also an Anfield man up to two years ago. Has proved a valuable acquistion.

RON MOORE. A product of Rover's youth teams and became a first class defender after showing promise as a centre forward.

DAVE PHILPOTTS. A midfield player who was born at nearby Bromborough but came to Tranmere via Coventry City in November.

MARK PALIOS. Comes from Wallasey and is another player whose career suffered through injuries. Still only 20 and always looking for goals.

STEVE COPPELL. Another young Merseysider who graduated through the youth teams. Is a part-timer while studying at Liverpool University.

RAY MATHIAS. Another Liverpudlian who started his playing career as one of the juniors. Tranmere's longest-serving player.

RUSS ALLEN. Son of the former England and West Brom star Ronnie. Although only 18 has already been with Arsenal and West Brom.

BARRIE MITCHELL. A former Aberdeen and Dunfermline player with a Scot's natural skill on the ball. A provider of chances rather than a scorer but never stops running.

PAUL CROSSLEY. A great favourite since he joined Tranmere from North End in 1969 when 19 years of age. A powerful shot and fast raider. Previously with Rochdale.

TRANMERE ROVERS

Founded back in 1881, Tranmere Rovers became one of the original members of the Third Division when it was formed in 1921 and in the 1930's they were a team to be feared in the Northern Section.

In fact, in 1935–6 they equalled the League record with a 13–4 win over Oldham Athletic and their centre forward, Bunny Bell set up an individual record which still stands by scoring nine goals.

But it was not until 1937–8 that they had their first major success, winning the championship and gaining promotion to the Second Division.

They stayed in the Second for only one season, however, their return of 17 points leaving no argument as to where they must be when League football restarted after the war.

They took a further plunge in 1960–1 to the Fourth Division, but scrambled back six years later by being in Fourth position in the table.

Rovers had a fright again in 1971–2 when they survived the drop on goal average and they are once more struggling to retain Third Division status.

Last season their record was:–

W.15 D.15 L.16 F.50 A.44 Pts. 45

When the two clubs met in the League in 1970–1, they drew 1–1 at Deepdale and 3–3 at Prenton Park and, of course, North End have a 3–1 defeat at Tranmere in November to avenge. The visitors, however, will be out to improve on their disappointing home record, which at the moment reads:—

W.1 D.2 L.11 F.12 A.26

Because they live in the shadow of the Merseyside giants, Liverpool and Everton, Rovers play most of their home games on Friday nights but even this arrangement is not bringing in enough spectators, as the attendance of just under 3,000 when they drew their last match with Gillingham suggests. They would no doubt regard gates of the size of Deepdale's this season as prosperity.

Tranmere have, nevertheless, had the satisfaction of producing some famous players, including the fabulous "Dixie" Dean, who later scored 60 goals in 39 League matches in one season for Everton, which is still a record, "Pongo" Waring, Fred Urmston, "Bunny" Bell and Harold Bell.

MANAGER

Ron Yeats did as much as anyone to make Liverpool a great team in the 1960's and he has a F.A. cup medal, a League championship medal and a European cup medal, not to mention a Scottish cap, to show for it.

He joined Liverpool as a centre half from Dundee and spent almost 12 years at Anfield in the company of a galaxy of stars who included Ian St. John, Chris Lawler, Ian Callaghan and Peter Thompson.

In 1971, he joined Tranmere as player and assistant manager and became player-manager two years ago. Now he has given up playing and is concentrating on the managerial side.

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CHARLT

Tranmere Rovers visit us today with the psychological advantage of knowing that they have beaten us soundly once this season. They were at the bottom of the table when we went to Prenton Park in November and Rovers beat us confidently and more easily than any other team this season.

They perhaps rose above themselves but it showed that their best is very good indeed and that they are a team to be respected. On that occasion they had the benefit of advice and encouragement from Bill Shankly but whatever the reason for their excellent form in that match we know we must not underrate them today.

I have always had a lot of admiration for Tranmere. They struggle on the Merseyside against the power of their big brothers at Goodison Park and Anfield but, despite poor support they keep going and have even built a fine new stand.

It is great to be up there amongst the leaders again, knowing that if we maintain our present position we shall gain promotion, but, despite our reasons for optimism and elation

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ON CHAT

we know that we have to treat every match as it comes, that we must try not to lose another match and that the team that loses a couple of matches in succession could be writing off their chances.

We can't regulate the weather, but we were sorry that Tuesday night's game was veiled in fog for so long. It was one of our best performances against a good side, but we did not let them get on top and the speed which our boys were able to maintain in a game at this stage of the season was something to marvel at.

The state of the pitch has been critisised recently but, having regard to the tremendous amount of rain which has fallen this winter, it is not really in bad shape compared with other grounds in the Third Division.

Our groundsman, Brian Foster, and his assistant have done a terrific job under very difficult conditions and thanks to their efforts we have not once had to postpone a first team fixture this season because of the state of the pitch.

A word of congratulation too, to our reserves who went to Bury on Tuesday afternoon and achieved a 1–1 draw against Bury's first team in a Central League fixture. Although many of the side are inexperienced youngsters, they have not fared badly this season in a competition in which they have to come up against some strong reserve sides of First Division clubs.

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First Team Record

SEASON 1974–75

1974	Opponents		Rslt.	Pts	Gate
Aug. 17	**Plymouth Argyle**	h	1–0	2	11663
,, 20	**Rochdale (LC1)**	h	1–0	–	7780
,, 24	Watford	a	2–3	0	8918
,, 31	**Walsall**	h	3–2	2	7446
Sept. 3	**Bury**	h	3–0	2	10404
,, 7	Aldershot	a	2–1	2	6337
,, 10	**Sunderland (LC2)**	h	2–0	–	13279
,, 14	**Blackburn Rovers**	h	0–0	1	18042
,, 17	**Charlton Athletic**	h	2–0	2	11869
,, 21	Peterborough United	a	0–0	1	13120
,, 24	Crystal Palace	a	0–1	0	19680
,, 28	**Bournemouth**	h	5–2	2	10421
Oct. 1	Bury	a	0–2	0	11914
,, 5	Hereford United	a	2–2	1	11438
,, 9	Chester (LC3)	a	0–1	–	11262
,, 12	**Colchester United**	h	0–2	0	10259
,, 19	Brighton	a	4–0	2	16413
,, 22	**Gillingham**	h	1–0	2	9861
,, 26	**Grimsby Town**	h	2–0	2	9934
Nov. 2	Halifax Town	a	0–3	0	3878
,, 6	Gillingham	a	1–2	0	10494
,, 9	**Southend United**	h	1–4	0	8295
,, 15	Tranmere Rovers	a	1–3	0	6534
,, 23	Blyth S. (F.A. Cup 1)	a	1–1	–	8500
,, 26	**Blyth S.** (F.A. Cup Rep)	h	5–1	–	10101
,, 30	**Huddersfield T.**	h	4–0	2	7958
Dec. 7	Wrexham	a	1–1	1	8266
,, 14	Bish. Auck. (FA Cup 2)	a	2–0		6500
,, 21	**Port Vale**	h	1–0	2	8743
,, 26	Blackburn Rovers	a	0–3	0	24005
,, 28	**Chesterfield**	h	2–1	2	9258
1975					
Jan. 4	**Carlisle U.** (FA Cup 3)	h	0–1	–	18682
,, 11	**Wrexham**	n	3–1	2	9293
,, 18	Huddersfield Town	a	1–0	2	7654
Feb. 1	Southend United	a	1–1	1	9134
,, 8	**Halifax town**	h	1–0	2	9786
,, 15	Swindon Town (5)	a	0–1	0	11892
,, 18	**Swindon Town**	h	2–0	2	11139
,, 22	**Tranmere Rovers**	h			
,, 28	Walsall	a			
Mar. 1	League Cup Final				
,, 8	**Crystal Palace** (6)	h			
,, 15	Bournemouth	a			
,, 18	Plymouth Argyle	a			
,, 22	**Aldershot**	h			
,, 29	Port Vale	a			
,, 31	Chesterfield	a			
Apr. 1	**Peterborough United**	h			
,, 5	Grimsby Town (S.F.)	a			
,, 12	**Hereford United**	h			
,, 19	Colchester United	a			
,, 22	**Watford**	h			
,, 26	**Brighton**	h			
May 3	F.A.Cup Final				

SEASON 1974–75

Division III

(including 18th February, 1975)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Ag.	Pts.
Blackburn Rovers	30	16	7	7	46	31	39
Plymouth Argyle	30	16	6	8	55	43	38
Preston North End	**31**	**16**	**5**	**10**	**46**	**35**	**37**
Charlton Athletic	30	15	7	8	54	42	37
Swindon Town	31	15	7	9	44	41	37
Crystal Palace	31	13	9	9	45	41	35
Walsall	30	12	9	9	46	33	33
Hereford United	31	13	7	11	47	41	33
Peterborough Utd.	28	13	7	8	29	32	33
Port Vale	30	11	10	9	43	38	32
Gillingham	31	12	8	11	45	40	32
Colchester United	31	11	10	10	48	43	32
Southend United	31	11	9	11	35	33	31
Wrexham	31	10	9	12	47	41	29
Bury	32	9	9	14	35	37	27
Watford	30	7	13	10	38	50	27
Grimsby Town	31	10	6	15	41	54	26
Brighton & H.A.	29	9	7	13	33	42	25
Aldershot	32	10	6	16	33	44	25
Halifax Town	29	7	11	11	32	46	25
Tranmere Rovers	29	9	6	14	41	39	24
Chesterfield	30	9	6	15	40	49	24
AFC Bournemouth	28	9	5	14	30	37	23
Huddersfield Town	30	8	5	17	31	52	21

First Team Appearances Season 1974–75

(31 League matches)

Bird 31; Charlton 31; Elwiss 31; Burns 30; Holden 30; Morley 30; Sadler 29; Lamb 25; Spark 25; Brown 19; McMahon 16; Tunks 12; Stiles 10; Fielding 7; Treacy 6; Doyle 3; Baxter S. 2; Coleman 2; Williams 2.

First Team Goal Scorers 1974–75

(F.A. Cup): Holden 4; Elwiss 2; Charlton 1; Morley 1.
(League Cup): Charlton 1; Holden 1; Morley 1.
(League): Holden 15; Elwiss 10; Morley 8; Charlton 7; Bird 3; Burns 1; Lamb 1; Own Goal (Chesterfield) 1.

PROFESSIONAL PLAYING STAFF Season 1974–75

	Height	*Weight*	*Birthplace*
Baxter, Stuart	6' 1"	11st 11	Wolverhampton
Bird, John	6' 0"	12st 6	Doncaster
Brown, John	5' 11½"	12st 6	Bradford
Burns, Francis	5' 8½"	10st 7	Coatbridge
Charlton, Bobby	5' 9"	12st 1	Ashington
Coleman, Gordon	5' 8½"	11st	Nottingham
Doyle, S. (App.)	5' 9"	10st 10	Neath, Glam.
Elwiss, Michael	5' 11½"	12st	Doncaster
Fielding, Mark	5' 9"	11st	Bury
Holden, Mel	6' 2"	13st 2	Dundee
Lamb, Alan	5' 9"	10st 4	Falkirk
McMahon, John	5' 9"	12st	Manchester
Morley, tony	5' 8"	10st 12	Ormskirk
Sadler, David	6' 0"	12st 10	Yalding (Kent)
Smith, John	5' 8"	10st 8	Coatbridge, Lan.
Spark, Alex.	6' 0"	12st 10	Stenhousemuir
Stiles, Nobby	5' 6"	10st 10	Manchester
Treacy, Ray	5' 9"	11st	Dublin
Tunks, Roy	6' 1"	13st	Wuppertall, W. Ger.
Williams, Gary	6' 0"	11st 4	Liverpool

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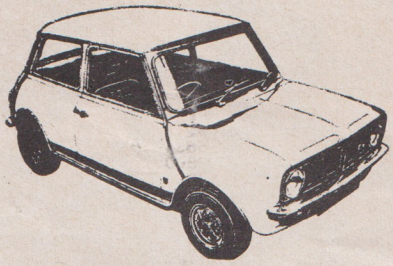

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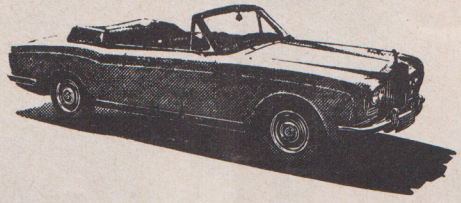

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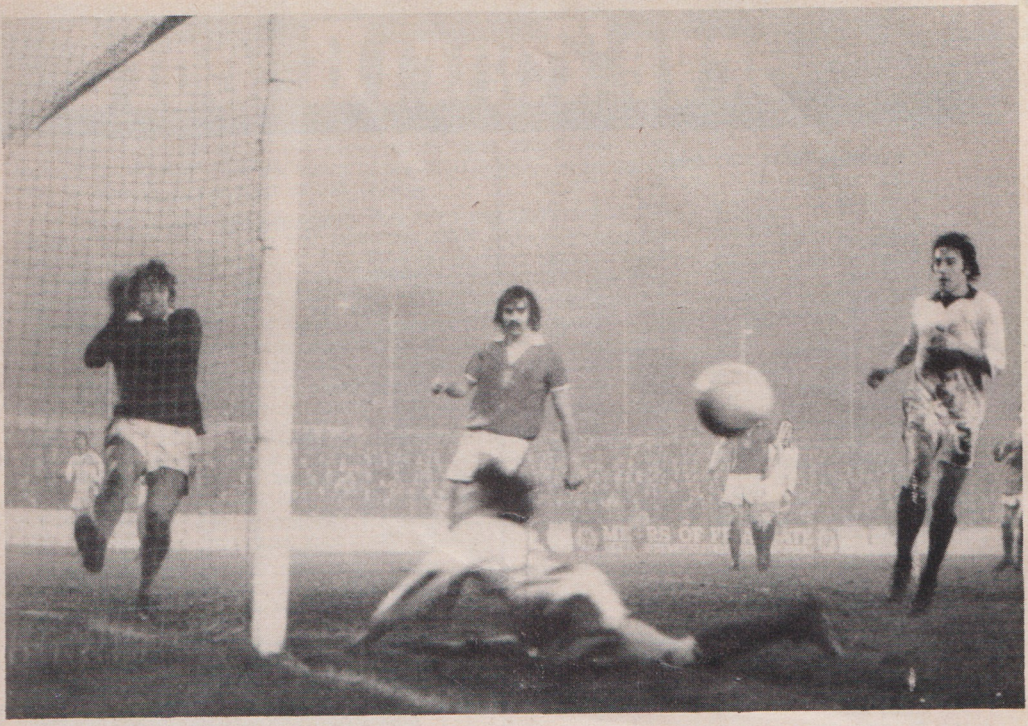
Top Right:
Tony Morley crashes against the goal-post as he dives goalward.

Bottom Right:
Mel Holden just fails to reach a centre with Jim Barron the Swindon goal-keeper stranded.

Below:
Mel Holden outjumps the Swindon defence with Gordon Coleman watching.



Reserve Team Record

RESERVE TEAM FIXTURES

1974	Opponents		Rslt.	Pts
Aug. 17	Aston Villa	a	1–4	0
,, 24	**Bury**	h	2–0	2
,, 27	**Blackpool**	h	3–2	2
,, 31	Coventry City	a	1–3	0
Sept. 3	Blackpool	a	2–2	1
,, 14	Wolverhampton W.	a	2–4	0
,, 21	**Sheffield Wednesday**	h	2–3	0
,, 28	Liverpool	a	2–4	0
Oct. 5	**Bolton Wanderers**	h	1–1	1
,, 12	West Bromwich Albion	a	1–3	0
,, 14	**Wolverhampton W.**	h	1–0	2
,, 19	**Manchester City**	h	0–1	0
,, 29	Huddersfield Town	a	1–1	1
Nov. 2	**Sheffield United**	h	1–2	0
,, 5	**Blackburn Rovers**	h	0–0	1
,, 9	Newcastle United	a	1–0	2
,, 30	Burnley	a	4–2	2
Dec. 7	**Nottingham Forest**	h	1–0	2
,, 21	Leeds United	a	1–2	0
1975				
Jan. 11	Nottingham Forest	a	2–2	1
,, 15	**Liverpool**	h	1–4	0
Feb. 1	**Newcastle United**	h	1–0	2
,, 8	Sheffield United	a	0–0	2
,, 15	**Stoke City**	h	0–0	1
,, 18	Bury	a	1–1	1
,, 21	Everton	a		
,, 25	**Derby County**	h		
,, 28	**Coventry City**	h		
Mar. 8	Manchester United	a		
,, 15	**Leeds United**	h		
,, 22	Sheffield Wednesday	a		
,, 31	Blackburn Rovers	a		
Apr. 5	**West Bromwich A.**	h		
,, 12	Bolton Wanderers	a		
,, 19	**Huddersfield Town**	h		
,, 26	Manchester City	a		

To be arranged:

Manchester United h
Burnley h
Aston Villa h
Everton h
Stoke City a
Derby County a

SEASON 1974–75

Central League

(including 18th February, 1975)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals For	Ag.	Pts
Liverpool	30	16	9	5	66	36	41
West Bromwich A.	29	15	11	3	42	23	41
Manchester City	31	16	7	8	42	29	39
Wolverhampton W.	30	17	3	10	51	43	37
Derby County	25	13	8	4	54	25	34
Everton	29	14	6	9	36	24	34
Coventry City	27	12	8	7	53	39	32
Aston Villa	28	13	5	10	49	46	31
Blackpool	30	12	5	13	47	47	29
Nottingham Forest	27	11	6	10	52	36	28
Leeds United	29	10	8	11	40	45	28
Sheffield Wednesday	29	11	5	13	42	51	27
Stoke City	25	10	6	9	30	30	26
Newcastle United	29	11	4	14	32	37	26
Burnley	26	8	8	10	42	43	24
Manchester United	27	8	8	11	39	40	24
Bolton Wanderers	27	7	10	10	33	40	24
Huddersfield Town	33	9	6	18	32	50	24
Preston North End	**25**	**7**	**8**	**10**	**32**	**41**	**22**
Bury	27	5	6	16	34	66	16
Sheffield United	28	5	5	18	31	58	15
Blackburn Rovers	25	3	8	14	16	46	14

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OUR DIVISION

Whatever happened to the Likely Lads? one might ask when reviewing the fortunes of the teams in the Third Division in the light of their prospects at the start of the season.

At the end of the last campaign, Wrexham and Chesterfield were fourth and fifth respectively and, therefore, might have been expected to again make a good show. Not far behind them came Grimsby Town, Watford, Aldershot, Halifax and Huddersfield but at this stage all these clubs are to be found in the bottom half of the table.

Blackburn, who finished midway last season and were generally a disappointment to their fans, and Plymouth A., with an even worse record, have emerged as the main contenders and the only unsurprising thing is that last season's relegated clubs, Swindon Town, North End and Crystal Palace are there amongst the front runners.

One-time leaders Southend have slumped to the middle of the table and are now out of the race for promotion. Bournemouth were the first team to take the top spot, followed by Southend and North End for short spells but early in October Blackburn took over for the first time. North End got in front again at the end of October, but a disastrous run followed and since then it has been almost all Blackburn's.

Colchester are another team that faded after looking likely contenders and the accompanying progress chart shows how fortunes have fluctuated.

	7th Sept.	5th Oct.	9th Nov.	14th Dec.	15th Feb.
Southend	1	8	9	10	13
Preston NE	**2**	**2**	**5**	**9**	**5**
Charlton Ath.	3	9	6	6	3
Peterborough U.	4	10	2	8	9
Blackburn R.	5	1	1	1	1
Watford	6	5	14	13	16
Bournemouth	7	17	23	19	23
Halifax T.	8	21	20	17	20
Crystal Pal.	9	4	7	4	6
Walsall	10	7	8	14	7
Plymouth A.	11	14	10	7	2
Colchester U.	12	3	4	5	12
Hereford U.	13	15	13	11	8
Brighton & H.A.	14	19	21	21	18
Port Vale	15	16	11	3	10
Aldershot	16	20	22	24	19
Swindon T.	17	6	3	2	4
Grimsby T.	18	23	16	18	17
Chesterfield	19	13	18	20	22
Wrexham	20	11	12	12	14
Tranmere R.	21	18	24	23	21
Bury	22	12	15	15	15
Huddersfield T.	23	24	17	22	24
Gillingham	24	22	19	16	11

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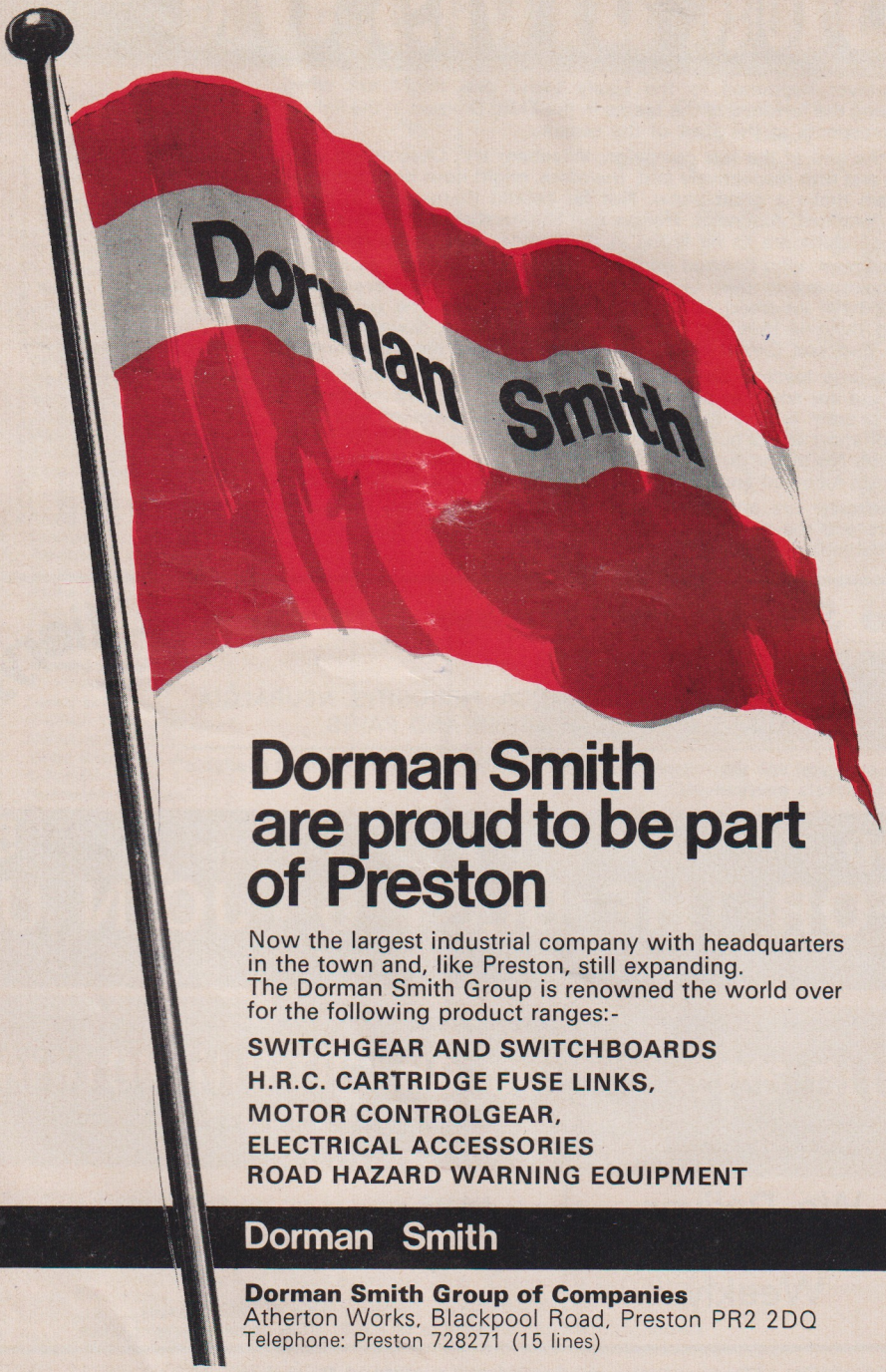

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SNAP SHOTS

It was quite a week-end for former North End players, now scattered around the North and Midlands.

George Lyall occupies a midfield role for Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest and he scored a goal which brought a draw at York.

But his local paper said George was "both the villain and the hero of the piece". He presented York with their goal with a back-pass which mis-fired and then equalised with a good goal.

Howard Kendall was referred to as "brilliant" in the Birmingham v Walsall cuptie, when he set up his side's two goals, and now, with a home draw in the Sixth Round against Middlesbrough, he could be on his way to a Wembley final for the second time.

He still holds the record for the youngest player to appear in the final – 20 days before his 18th birthday when he was in North End's losing side against West Ham.

Alan Tarbuck rounded off a fine display for Shrewsbury against Darlington by scoring one of their winning goals and Norrie Lloyd slipped one in to the Exeter net for struggling Stockport. In addition, Bobby Ham was on the target for Bradford City on Monday night.

Then there was Frank Lee, who moved from Stockport to Northern Premier League side Lancaster during the previous week and was able to join in their 5–1 win over Runcorn, though he was not amongst the goals.

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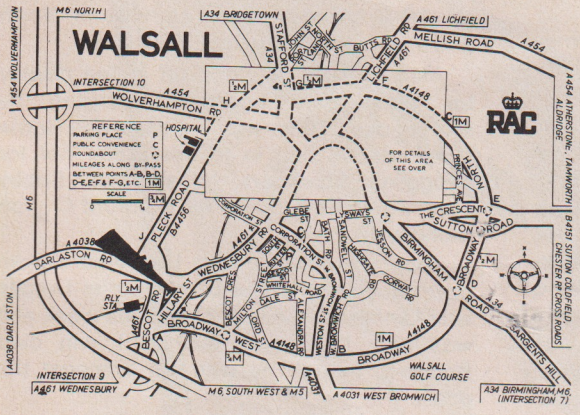

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Preston North End Reserves v. Derby County Reserves

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